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The incumbent for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Jamie Schmale applauds the win by fellow Conservative Michelle Ferreri in the Peterborough-Kawartha riding, but had reason to also smile because of his own win, taking the riding for a third time, which helped to lift the spirits of his supporters at The Cat and the Fiddle pub on Monday, Sept. 20 in Lindsay. The Liberals won enough seats on election night to form a minority government. /DARREN LUM Staff



Schmale wins again in a landslide, returns to Ottawa

by **FRED GROVES**
Times Staff

Monday night's, Sept. 20 federal election once again turned out to be bittersweet for Conservative Jamie Schmale.

Cruising to another victory, the Member of

Parliament will head back to Ottawa where he will once again represent the 113,956 residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. And once again, he will sit in the House of Commons as a member of the official opposition.

"I am honoured and humbled that people of this riding continue to put their faith in me.

I have tried over the past six years to be as approachable as possible," he said from his celebratory party in Lindsay.

Schmale received 33,826 votes, 52.6 per cent which is an increase of about 1,500 from 2019. Liberal Judi Forbes was second again, this time with 14,497 followed in third by the NDP candidate Zac Miller at 9,237.

Rounding out the six-person race were Alison Donaldson of the People's Party of Canada, 4,645; Green Party Angel Godsoe, 1,647; and Libertarian Gene Balfour with 444. Of the 261 of 262 polls reporting, 64,296 of the registered 102,554 electors cast a ballot

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Jamie Schmale takes questions from media on a mobile phone after learning he had been re-elected. He hosted an election party at The Cat and the Fiddle pub on Monday, Sept. 20 in Lindsay.



Above, the incumbent for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Jamie Schmale, from left, holds his hand up with his best friend Ari Zider to celebrate his election win for a third-term a. / DARREN LUM Staff

Schmale receives congratulations even from some opponents

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which equates to 62.69 per cent.

"I think there was a lot of talent for the voters to choose from. Here in Lindsay we celebrated with candidates from other parties," said Schmale.

He went on to say that it is a time to celebrate, regardless of what political party a candidate represents, and admitted that a couple of his opponents even went to congratulate him in person.

"We may differ on certain things but at the end of the day we want a Canada that is safe and prosper."

Schmale was first elected in 2015 and again in 2019. Over the past two years he has been involved in several key committees in Ottawa including Natural Resources and Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Person with Disabilities. Recently he has lofted himself to be the vice-chair of the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee.

"I've met some amazing people across the country with legitimate concerns," said Schmale.

Locally those issues include wifi and cell-phone connectivity, transportation and housing. He acknowledged the labour shortage in Haliburton County and says that is something that has to be addressed in the very near future.

Nationally the Liberals will form another minority government, despite not taking the popular vote as the Conservatives had 34 per cent of the overall total compared to 32 per cent for the Liberals. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will lead 158 seats while the opposing Conservatives are at 119, Bloc Quebecois 34, New Democratic Party 25, and the Green Party, 2.

"I think in any voter system there are pros and cons. Each race produces a winner and that's the on going challenge we have as a party," said Schmale of the fact that his party had more support overall, but not as many seats and therefore will not have the opportunity to govern.

He went on to say that Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole reached out to as many



Supporters for Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale had many reasons to applaud on election night, which included a win by Schmale, but also wins in neighbouring ridings by Conservative Michelle Ferreri in the Peterborough-Kawartha riding and Conservative Philip Lawrence in Northumberland-Peterborough South. The Liberals won enough seats on election night to form a minority government. /DARREN LUM Staff

new voters as possible and that despite having a good platform could not get the party's point of view out to the voters because the Liberals had shut down parliament and there was no opportunity to debate the numerous contentious issues.

"Obviously we went into the race at a bit of a disadvantage. Justin Trudeau had a good eight months to throw money at anyone who walked by," said Schmale.

For Forbes and the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberals, it's runner-up status for the second consecutive federal election. The local Liberal candidate refers to it as getting the silver medal.

She thanked her campaign team, especially

young supporters, and said, "I thanked them for all their hard work. So much goes into putting together a solid campaign."

A 36-day campaign, an election just two years on the heels of the last one, and a price tag of \$650 million, along with the fourth wave of the pandemic were all concerns that voters had to deal with. For Forbes, she admitted early in the week that this is a Conservative stronghold, and it could take a few more elections before the gap between the two dominant parties in this part of the country is narrowed.

"Across Canada, I'm disappointed we did not eke out a majority government. People listened to the negative instead of all the

good things the Liberals did."

And as far as her political future is concerned, Forbes, a new grandmother, admits that it's time to step aside.

"I am definitely going to take a break. The elections have been close together. I am going to spend time with family and friends and consider what is next."

Reached at his home in Ponypool Monday morning, and even before any of the results came in, NDP candidate Zac Miller said that he too, will be taking a break from the political arena and instead focusing on continuing his education.

"I don't think I will run again anytime soon," he said.

NDP candidate for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding Zac Miller answers questions about his campaign, which included a concerted effort to see voters in Highlands East. He believed they would support him because of the NDP platform that did the best of all the parties to address their needs, but, if they didn't vote for him, he hoped they would still participate in the electoral process and vote.



Liberal candidate for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding Judi Forbes speaks with a supporter on election night at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club. Forbes said her campaign included a focus on getting to see voters in small communities in Haliburton such as Dorset, Stanhope, Carnarvon, West Guilford. /DARREN LUM Staff

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

September 30 – Regular Council Meeting **9:30 AM**
October 14 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July, August and December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills is selling land by Public Tender. Deadline for submission is Friday, October 1st, 2021 on or before 3:00 PM. For more information visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/, contact the Tax Collector at 705-286-1260 ext. 501.

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The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2022 Budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting via web conference scheduled for October 14, 2021.

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Hike Haliburton Festival was a hike down memory lane

by FRED GROVES
Times Staff

With a distance of about 600 meters, the 'River Runs Through It', hike of this year's Hike Haliburton Festival may have been one of the shortest, but it did not disappoint when it came to presenting memories for those who took part.

"I have been paddling here for about 20 years and have spent a lot of time on this river," said guide Thom Lambert, who is the organizer of the festival.

The river he was referring to is the Gull River, and on Sunday the excursion was at the Harrington Park Minden Whitewater Preserve on Horseshoe Road. It is a connecting link between Horseshoe and Minden lakes and for decades, the site of international white-water races.

"This stretch of river is not just unique to Haliburton County but internationally. You can paddle it 365 days a year, it never freezes," said Lambert.

The preserve was established in 1979 by the Ontario Slalom Kayak Community and led by Roger Parsons and Hinz Poenn. It is part of the Trent Canard System and therefore managed by the federal Oceans and Fisheries department.

The beautiful stretch of the Gull River between the two lakes was formed by glacier movement over 3.5 million years ago and while it was famous in the past for competitive kayakers, including hosting the PanAm Games, now it is mostly used by recreational paddlers.

Pointing out onto the fast-moving water and raising his voice to be heard, Lambert said, "There are things happening here that are not happening anywhere else in the



Hikers walk along the trail at the Minden Whitewater Preserve during last Sunday's Hike Haliburton Festival. /FRED GROVES Staff

county."

Prior to 1979, the river was much wider and reached past the high road banks that are now Horseshoe Road. A lot of work has gone in over several decades both in the trails and at the large dam which was replaced just a few years ago.

"Everything we are standing on and walk on up to the dam is fill."

Working for the Haliburton tourism department and a former naturalist, Lambert is very knowledgeable about the Minden Whitewater Preserve. He noted that on Sunday the water level was particularly high.

"Typically, this time of the year we would be looking at 30 percent less water but it's not been a typical year."

And while the rushing water, bursting over rocks at a speed of 24 cubic metres per second was the highlight of the tour, Lambert also took time out to point a few other noticeable features along the trail, including a few hidden caves, beech trees that are slowly disappearing from the county due to parasites and one of the few remaining veins of marble rock in the area.

Haliburton Hike Festival began in 2004 and is considered the largest such event in



Thom Lambert, right, of Hike Haliburton makes a point during the trek.

North America. It is spread over four days and this year included stops at Eagle Lake for the E-bike tours adventure, High Falls Hike and Ride and South Algonquin Trails and Snowdown Park's Nature and Nuggets. It was canceled last year due to Covid-19 and this year had restrictions on the number of participants per hike.

In all there were more than a dozen different hikes, all of them with various ratings from easy to challenging. And for the earlier risers, there was the Forest Bathing and Sunrise at Redstone River Valley.

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Eye on the prize

Below, Karen Blackman, from left, watches the ball after her doubles partner Lois Cronsberry returns the ball to Wayne Ground and Donna Ground at drop-in pickleball on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Stanhope pickleball courts. Games are open to the public for a two dollar donation and are held from 9 to 12 p.m. Monday to Friday. Games are expected to continue until into November. /DARREN LUM Staff



Lois Cronsberry, from left, Karen Blackman, Donna Ground and Wayne Ground come together at the conclusion of their doubles match.



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Decisions?

FOR MANY years, the phrase “better a bad decision than no decision” has been a motto that has provided me with some reassurance, especially when the outcomes of my decisions are as yet uncertain. The premise of this phrase implies that if you make a bad decision, you can always make another decision to help you correct your course. Making no decision, on the other hand, tends to put you at the mercy of fate, or more likely, at the mercy of someone else and their (often bad) decisions.

Remembering that life involves a series of decisions, can be helpful in developing stronger decision-making muscles. Additionally, considering that most decisions we make are mundane, and only relatively few are significant, can also help to put things in perspective. When we make small, seemingly insignificant decisions wisely, we are usually in a better position to face the larger more complex ones.

The verb to decide comes from two Latin words, which combined mean to “cut off from.” Cutting off implies a certain permanence. And, this sense of permanence is likely what frightens some people into avoiding making decisions.

Sometimes when we decide, that sense of cutting off is akin to cutting off a tree branch or a limb, however, there are also other understandings of “cutting off” that are less permanent. These can be very helpful analogies in improving our decision making processes.

Cutting off circulation, or cutting off the flow of water in a hose, can stop the blood and water from flowing through their normal course, but that cutting off can be temporary. We can decide to stop doing something temporarily and observe carefully the consequences of doing so.

Bending a garden hose can create a kink severe enough to prevent the water from flowing, likewise we can cut off the flow of our energy and resources to help ourselves and others better understand

the consequences that are likely to emerge if such a decision were to be permanent.

If you are a gardener, you have probably used this technique of bending the hose at times when you want to make slight adjustments to the location of your sprinkler, but do not want to go soaked by its torrent of water.

We cut off the water flow temporarily, adjust the placement of the sprinkler and observe whether or not this change allows the water to hit the area where we need it to land. If not, we cut off the water again and decide on a better location. These series of minor acts of cutting off the water are all small decisions that do not have serious consequences; and this practice of

temporarily cutting off the flow of water by kinking the hose can be done more quickly and with greater ease than running back and forth to the spigot repeatedly.

If you, your local business or organization is in a position to make some significant changes, but you are afraid that making the decisions will cut off other

possibilities, try re-framing the problem. Maybe the question is not “Should I retire from my work or not?” Maybe the question instead could be, “What would happen if I took an extended vacation this year to practice being away from work?” Maybe the question is not “Are my kids ready to take over the family business?” Maybe the questions could be “What would happen if I stepped back from this project and let my kids run it for 90 days?” The temporary nature of such decisions not only makes them less threatening, it also opens up our minds to a sense of curiosity about what is possible.

We can become so fixated on what we would be losing when we cut off possibilities that we fail to consider what opportunities our decisions might be opening up for ourselves and others. What decisions do you need to make? How could you re-frame the problem?

**KATRINA BOGUSKI**
Editor

Kwarky



“Let me start with how great it is to be out of my home studio dungeon.”

Honk if you love geese

AS A RULE, Canadians have a love/hate relationship with Canada geese. We love them when they are flying high overhead in spring or autumn. That’s when they remind us of the seasonal changes that are underway. I truly believe if our contact with geese ended there, they might be everyone’s favourite bird.

Sadly, it doesn’t end there. In fact, all those good feelings get thrown asunder the minute you walk on a golf course or any lawn near the waterfront. For these places are where geese remind us of the intestinal changes that are also underway. And therein lies the problem.

In their own way, geese are always giving us crap.

Hunters, typically, don’t mind this, however – probably because we don’t tend to play golf or hang out in parks.

More importantly, the call of a goose still stirs something within the hunter’s heart. It conjures up romantic images of desolate places that we will never visit – like the water feature near the 8th hole.

Their pull is so much it almost makes us want to take up golf if only to get very accurate with our drivers.

But it wasn’t always this way.

Hunters in their late 50s will remember a time when geese were rarely encountered, but rather seen and heard overflying Ontario on their way south during the fall migration. Often, their first stop was in the US, where presumably the parks and golf courses of the time were much better.

It wasn’t till the late 70s that goose hunting really took off in Ontario.

I still remember the first goose that my uncle shot at our duck camp. This was in 1980 and we treated it as if he had taken a trophy buck – which tells you how bad we were at bird identification.

Now, geese are much more commonplace

and less mysterious than they used to be. Which is to say, most people know goose poop when they see it.

As a result of this history, we hunters have a slightly different love/hate relationship with geese.

We really love them when they justify the thousands of dollars we have spent on guns, ammunition, decoys, camouflage, calls and blinds, by decoying into our set ups or flying by low and slow. We also love them because they are big targets with plenty of delicious meat.

Conversely, we tend to hate geese when they steer wide of an expensive decoy spread

or do a u-turn after you have said, “Hey guys. Let me call in this flock. I’m practically an expert at speaking their language.”

Geese are masters of frustrating you that way. I have seen a flock of geese turn just out of range from a decoy spread they were cupping into, because they caught a glint of the brass on a spent shell casing that was not picked up. And I have also seen them land when hunters have put

their guns away and are picking up the decoys. If you ever wondered how new swear words are invented, look no further than this.

To their credit, geese are still majestic and, despite their urban tendencies, still wild and wary.

And goose hunters mostly respect them, get up early to be there for sunrise and put in a lot of hard work to come home with a few for the freezer.

In fact, the hunt is not over when the shooting is done. You still have to pluck them. And while almost everyone in a hunter’s family and circle of friends loves a well-prepared Canada goose, no one wants to see the plucking process.

But, you know when that is happening, I really believe everyone ought to take a gander.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Spitting during the COVID pandemic

YOU GOTTA love autumn baseball, especially when the Blue Jays are providing such dramatic late-season entertainment.

Toronto's team has given Major League Baseball (MLB) - the entire sport in fact - a needed boost out of the gloom that has come with two seasons of COVID constraints.

The youthful Jays have won 18 of their last 22 games, winning series over Oakland A's, New York Yankees, Baltimore Orioles, Tampa Bay Lightning and Minnesota Twins. And, some of those games were won with dramatic come-from-behind scoring outbursts in late innings.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

There were difficult games to be played this week with more excitement and a possibility of the Jays making the playoffs. Whatever happens in coming days, these Jays have provided some great baseball watching.

It's all been wonderful, with one exception: the spitting. Spitting during the deadliest infectious disease outbreak in 100 years.

Why spitting continues to be allowed in baseball is beyond me. One would have expected to see it finally disappear during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLB has banned spitting during COVID but no one seems to be paying attention. As far as I know, there is no enforcement and no fines or suspensions for any players who continue to spit.

I messaged MLB officials to ask why spitting continues. Is the ban still in effect? I didn't receive a reply.

Newsday, the Long Island New York newspaper, reported earlier this year that the MLB spitting ban remains in effect for the 2021 season.

The league, reporters who cover professional baseball and the folks who broadcast the games apparently are content to ignore the spitting issue.

Spitting has been a major part of baseball since the first pitch crossed a home plate. Spit has been used to soften new gloves, to get a better grip on the bat and to give pitchers a better feel and grip on the ball.

Spitting is believed to have started early in baseball history when games were played in hot, dusty locations. Players chewed tobacco to keep their mouths moist, spitting as they chewed.

About 10 years ago, players and MLB agreed tobacco would not be chewed in the presence of fans. Then last year when COVID struck, MLB banned spitting and spitting paraphernalia like sunflower seeds, shelled peanuts and tobacco.

Some argue that spitting on the baseball diamond is not a serious problem in terms of spreading disease. Players are well separated for much of a game and other COVID protections are in place.

Some catchers certainly are not comfortable with the continued spitting. "People spit at home plate when I'm squatting and it blows in my face,"

Washington Nationals catcher Kurt Suzuki said in a newspaper interview. "That stuff happens all the time. It's nuts."

Baseball park grass and sand are dotted with spit, and baseballs pick it up when they roll across the field. Pitchers continue to lick their fingers to improve grip.

Whether spit presents COVID dangers or not, spitting is a disgusting habit that does nothing to improve game viewing for fans.

It's a habit that many players don't want to give up. They argue it is a traditional part of the game, helps concentration and is difficult to stop.

Some observers say MLB is slowly adapting to changes that one day will see spitting eliminated from the game. However, they note MLB is a traditional institution, always slow to adapt; slower than the rest of the world adapts to any change.

I accept that spitting is a traditional part of the game and that some efforts are being made to control it, or perhaps even eliminate it.

If the professional baseball leagues can't eliminate it now, perhaps it's up to the TV broadcasters to act to prevent viewers from having to see it. Perhaps they could be more diligent in cutting out frames in which players are spitting.

This baseball season has been a terrific one, and a great distraction from the COVID nightmare we have been living through. But it doesn't make sense to see players spitting while the disease continues to spread.

However, little in this COVID horror show has made any sense, including the confusing government attempts to bring it under control.

letters to the editor

100 Acts of Green

To the editor:

R.D. Lawrence was a literary icon and a champion of environmental issues.

Sept. 12, marked the 100th year of his birth.

Lawrence was a field biologist, journalist, wildlife rehabilitator and a veteran of WWII. He was a superb storyteller and an award winning author, published internationally.

The Lawrences owned a wilderness property in the Haliburton Highlands where they raised, rehabilitated and released injured and orphaned wildlife.

To celebrate this centennial event, I challenge you to perform "100 Acts of Green", in 100 hours, 100 days, or 100 years! Add new "Acts

of Green" to your daily routine. Try freecycle, thrift stores, vintage stores, clothes swaps, DIY up cycle, and reclaimed materials. Ditch disposables and plastic bags.

Most importantly, plant a tree somewhere. Organize a family or neighbourhood tree planting. Forests are the lungs of the world.

Visit the Minden Hills Library to view a display of Lawrence's books, and pick up a complimentary copy of Paddy. Visit www.crywild.com.

Sharon Lawrence
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Remembrance

Soon we will be feeling the pain of Remembrance Day again. My father and grandfather would not recognize the attitude of Canadians that we are seeing lately. Our family lost one pilot in the last world war and we always remind ourselves how fortunate we were to have lost only one person in our immediate family.

The contrast between the generations of then and now is mind numbing.

How did we arrive at the mind set here people are demonstrating in front of hospitals to brag that they have the right to refuse to be vaccinated? My uncle fought for the people of Europe because he felt that they had the right to live. My father-in-law and all of his brothers went to war for the same reason. Oh how I wish that their sacrifices could have been as simple as getting a few shots in their arm to protect the lives of

strangers. One of those strangers was to become my mother-in-law. She took a remarkably courageous risk to follow her heart and immigrate to Canada. She never was to see her parents again. As a young woman she was a messenger for the Dutch underground. She was not proud or boastful regarding the sacrifices she made to protect others during the war. She did what was needed to protect the starving Dutch people and the soldiers who were trying to protect all of Europe.

Some Canadians have said that they don't trust the science behind the vaccines but what it appears they are saying is 'I won't risk a negative reaction to protect others'.

What have we become?

Heather May
Minden



Lest we forget

Second World War veteran Sir Harold Rowden attended the Veteran's Decoration Day event on Monday, Sept. 20 in Haliburton. Rowden served with 3rd Division of 13th Field Regiment and was part of the D-Day invasion. A small gathering came to watch the proceedings, which were organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton to honor and remember the veterans buried at the Evergreen Cemetery and the St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Cemetery. The event included Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Students, who are students from Grade 10 and up taking the leadership class that helped family members of veterans to place white crosses with an affixed poppy at the grave markers for each veteran. /DARREN LUM Staff

Reflecting on what was and what will be

Cody Hodgson humbled by Hall of Fame induction

by **GRACE OBORNE**
Times Staff

Former NHL centreman, Cody Hodgson, still has a profound passion for the sport of hockey. Though he retired from the game early in his career, he continues to project his love for the game into other avenues.

At a very young age, Hodgson learned to skate in front of his Kashagawigamog Lake home with his family. A few years later, he played for the Haliburton Huskies in 1997, just like his father and grandfather had done before him.

“I wanted to get into the sport because my brother played, my dad played growing up. I just wanted to do what my brother was doing and hockey was always a fun sport for me. It was a great outlet for getting out energy and competitiveness that we both had,” said Hodgson.

“Cody loved playing hockey from an early age. As a toddler, he would walk around with mini sticks and balls. Before he was two, when his older brother and cousins were playing shinny on the lake, he was in there with his boots on trying to score with his own ball,” said his mother, Marie Hodgson.

Hodgson then moved on to play with the Markham Waxers AAA teams where five players eventually all played in the NHL. He also played with his brother, Clayton Hodgson, in Markham.

“I loved playing with Cody when we were younger. It was always an amazing time and we both had really good chemistry together. I think we won everything we played and actually did really well when the two of us were on the ice together,” said Clayton.

Hodgson surpassed every level and in 2006, excelled to be a first round draft pick for the Brampton Battalion where he played in the OHL for four years.

In 2008, he was then selected 10th overall in the NHL draft by the Vancouver Canucks. He moved on to play with the Buffalo Sabres in 2012 through to 2015. In 2014, he was named one of Canada’s top scorers at the IIHF World Hockey Championship in Minsk Belarus.

Unfortunately, Hodgson suffered a back injury in training and his NHL career slowly came to an end. In 2015, he signed a one year contract with the Nashville Predators to play for a season. After symptoms such as shortness of breath, blackouts, and heart arrhythmia arose, Hodgson was diagnosed with malignant hyperthermia. It is a genetic disorder that is triggered by prolonged physical activity.

At the youthful age of 26, Hodgson’s NHL competing days came to an end.

“I obviously can’t train every day and I can’t work out the same as I used to. I have to monitor everything I do, but I’m still able to do things. It is unfortunate the way it affects me that I just can’t play professional hockey, but I can do a lot of other things, and I can still enjoy my life,” said Hodgson.

“I’m pretty fortunate that I had that time in the NHL. I see the six years I get to play the NHL as a gift,” he added.

Every winter, Hodgson returns to Haliburton Lake and plays the game with family on the frozen lake. He’ll also return in the summer and will play ball hockey with his brother.

“I was very fortunate to have a supportive family. Growing up, my parents would drive me to all the different arenas and follow my career. They were happy to me to different clinics to learn and get better,” he said.

“My brother spent hundreds of hours playing with me on the street, and on the ice. We would watch hockey together, and go to different games. He and I really loved it. I was fortunate to have him and then my two sisters, obviously they weren’t even involved in the in the game, but they still went to all the games and were very supportive,” Hodgson added.

Hodgson lives in Nashville where he works with the Predators Youth Hockey program. He teaches the kids the love of the game that he first learned in Haliburton.

“I was fortunate that the Nashville Predators wanted me to oversee the youth development. I’ve been working the past five years growing the game in the state of Tennessee. We do a lot of events in the community and I help to organize those,” he said.

“About 1,300 kids will come through our program every year, and we give them free equipment and NHL alumni coaching on and off the ice for a fraction of the price of what



Retired NHLer Cody Hodgson is among the athletes being inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame. He has strong family ties to the area and has held public events and made appearances, as seen in this archived image when he joined a minor hockey practice at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. / DARREN LUM File photo

it normally would cost. Hockey has given me so much, so it’s nice that I can give back to the youth through the game.”

Guiding children through hockey and making sure that kids are gaining experiences that will shape their youth is something that Hodgson finds joy in doing.

I tell the kids that hockey is a great game and you don’t need to play in the NHL to enjoy it. There’s a lot of things that hockey teaches. It builds character and reinforces how to get along with people,” he said.

From an early age, Hodgson has always been a dedicated competitor and has always displayed a motivated work ethic that ultimately made him an outstanding athlete.

“Cody is really determined and works hard. He’s always been competitive but never jealous, so he has always been able to fit in well with teams,” said his father Chris Hodgson.

Many years after retiring from the NHL, the Haliburton community and the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame has continued to recognize him for all of his successes.

“It is a huge honour. I’m very humbled to be in the induction class with a lot of other great athletes from across the spectrum of sports. I’ve always been proud to represent Haliburton on the NHL stage internationally when I played the world championships and world juniors,” said Hodgson.

“I’ve had a lot of support from the town over the years. When I got in the OHL, there would be busloads of people who would come down and watch me play. It’s just a

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— CODY HODGSON

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great atmosphere and environment to grow up in. I trained in Haliburton every summer. We’d bike in a town workout with Ron Stackhouse in his gym, I’d get advice from Walt McKechnie at McKecks, and when I saw Bernie Nicholls, I would ask for his advice. Those are people who inspired me and Haliburton is just a very supportive community. I wouldn’t have made the NHL if I didn’t have it, so I’m very thankful of the town and the people in it,” he said.



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Terry Fox set an unforgettable example

by FRED GROVES
Times Staff

There is a symbiotic relationship between Terry Fox and all the participants in this year's Marathon of Hope Run, including those who live in Minden.

Sunday morning, several women known as Nancy's Fun Fit Group gathered at the Minden Community Centre to take part in a virtual fundraiser, which last year due to COVID-19 did not occur whatsoever. And although this year's Minden Terry Fox run was scaled down, it still brought a powerful message.

Just as Terry Fox overcame obstacles in his quest to raise awareness and funds for cancer research, those in Minden have put the pandemic behind them as best they can; fought off adverse conditions, and carried on.

"I am almost five years cancer-free but it's always on my mind," said Anica Sabel of Minden.

She has been taking part in the Terry Fox run since 2014, two years before she was diagnosed with cancer.

"I know it can be beaten. This supports research," she noted.

Minden has hosted a Terry Fox Run since 1994 and on Sunday, local organizer Barb Millington reported that since its local inception, this community has raised more than \$330,000 to help beat cancer.

Judy Webb laced up her sneakers for the 12th time and along with her fellow fitness enthusiasts, has her own particular reason for joining in.

"He's (Terry Fox) an inspiration and I made sure my grandson who moved to the United States knows who he is," says Webb.



Lacing up for this year's Terry Fox Run in Minden were, Judy Webb, from left, Barb Millington, Anica Sabel, Nancy Garbutt, Lorraine Turcotte, and Donna Monk. /FRED GROVES staff

Terry Fox began his trek across Canada on April 12, 1980 when he dipped his artificial leg into the Atlantic Ocean. Osteogenic sarcoma resulted in him losing his leg at a young age but his journey of determination not only inspired a nation, but his international fame has spread to the point where there are now over 650 communities that participate each fall in the Marathon of Hope. It was Sept. 1, 1980 when his long run ended after 5,373 kilometers.

Lorraine Turcotte said her father witnessed Terry Fox walking along Highway 401 and personally, she has only missed two of the runs since they began in 1994, one when she was eight months pregnant. On Sunday she said that one year she pushed her grandson in a stroller.

"I have every one of the news clippings. I have done every run except two," said Turcotte.

Locally the Minden Terry Fox Run has raised about \$9,000 each of the past previous

few years and the event would draw dozens of walkers, runners and cyclists but as local organizer, Barb Millington says COVID-19 has changed how things are done.

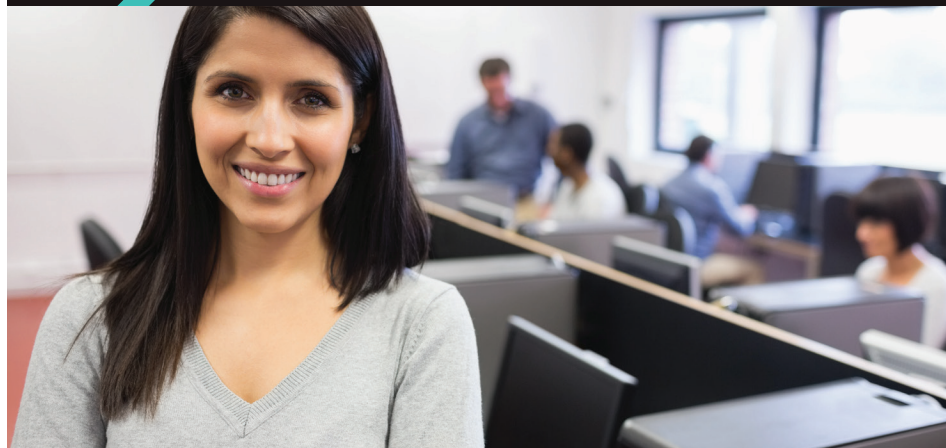
"In previous years, the whole community would get together but now they have to do it themselves."

Those who walked together in Minden on Sunday certainly believe in the words from Terry Fox who once said, "I want to set an example that will never be forgotten."



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Huskies coming together during pre-season

by FRED GROVES
Times Staff

It's been 19 long months since Haliburton County Huskies' captain Nathan Porter has played in an Ontario Junior Hockey League game.

This past weekend, the 6'2", 220-pounds veteran defenceman led the Huskies into a pair of pre-season contests against the Aurora Tigers. Friday, on the road in Aurora, they won 6-3 and less than 24 hours later back home at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, made it two straight in a 7-4 trounce over the Tigers.

"We are feeling it," said Porter of the obvious fatigue. "We did have a good week of practice and the Blue and White game."

With two more exhibition games before the season opener in October, the Huskies seem to have a firm grip already on just who will be on their roster. It's a mixture of experienced veterans, like Porter who came from the Whitby Fury, along with some youngsters who have not played junior hockey.

"I think we have a good team and once we get the chemistry going we will be fine," said Porter of meshing team unity both on-and-off the ice.

Saturday's game in Minden started with the Tigers jumping ahead 1-0 in front of the large Haliburton County crowd but before the first period had expired, the hosts had a commanding 3-1 lead which they increased to 6-1 after 40 minutes. The final period saw the Huskies stumble a bit, giving up three goals which got the attention of coach Paul Ramsey.

"You get a couple of goals ahead and you think the game is over and you get complacent," said Ramsey after Saturday's game. "As long as we learn from it, it's okay," he added.

Ramsey said the Huskies have signed a full roster already and admitted that one area he had to address in the off-season was goaltending.

"That was one of my concerns and so we brought in two 19-year-olds and either one can be a starter," he said, referring to Chris Linton and Nick Heinzle.

Last Friday night in Aurora, the visiting Huskies fell behind 3-1 within 10 minutes of the game but battled back to even things up after 20 minutes before going on to a 6-3 win. Oliver Tarr led the winners with a five-point effort including a pair of goals. Also connecting with two was Bryce Richardson with singles from Lucas Stevenson and Lucas Marshall. Porter had a couple of helpers and Huskies' netminder Heinzle made 22 saves in net.

The Huskies travel Collingwood on Friday night before hosting the Blues back home the following day at 4:30 p.m. to round out their four-game pre-season schedule.



Huskies' forward Lucas Stevenson (15) works himself into position against the Tigers during Saturday's game. /FRED GROVES Staff

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— NATHAN PORTER

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Pony Trekking at Abbey Gardens builds kids' confidence

by GRACE OBORNE
Times Staff

If your child is bored of participating in the same activities, hold on to your horses, because Abbey Gardens has a program that will be exciting and different for everyone.

Every Friday, for about an hour, starting at 11 a.m., Abbey Gardens invites children and their families to join pony trainer, Lesley English, to learn about Ojibwe horses on a guided hike in a program called Pony Trekking.

"Families will learn all about Ojibwe horses, which we have two of. They'll come into the paddock and will be introduced to the horses so that they get to know each other. This sometimes includes a grooming session. Then the children and families will take the ponies out for a walk in the fields and forest while asking any questions they have about ponies," said program coordinator, Cara Steele.

All children have to be at least five years old to participate in the Pony Trekking program. If children under five would also like to participate, there is a modified program called, Kids Rein, where younger children must be accompanied by their parent and only spend time with the ponies in the paddock.

There are three different ponies that children can choose to work with. Maple and Sammy are the two Ojibwe horses and Flapjack is the miniature Appaloosa. Many children tend to gravitate towards Flapjack



The Pony Trekking program allows children and families to lead one of Abbey Gardens' three ponies by foot. Maple and Sammy, pictured on the outside, are the program's two Ojibwe horses. Pictured in the middle, is Flapjack, the program's Miniature Appaloosa. /Photo Submitted

because he is smaller.

"We generally let the family or participants decide who they want to work with of our three horses that we have. Some people naturally gravitate towards Flapjack, because he's little, he's the smallest, but all three of our horses have very different personalities. A lot of times we notice people gravitating kind of to the horse that best suits them, which is really interesting for us to watch," said Steele.

Pony Trekking has been a program that's been around at Abbey Gardens since 2019. Luckily, with the pandemic, Abbey Gardens

has been able to keep the program running with only few modifications made.

"Group sizes are now smaller, and it has to be one bubble or family unit. We've also enhanced cleaning protocol. Everything is sanitized before and after. We do screening protocol before our participants come, and that's about it. In terms of the experience the participant has, it is going to feel very similar, it's actually probably going to be a little nicer because it's just you and your family on the trek."

The fee for Pony Trekking is \$12 per person, for a one hour experience. However, Kids Rein is \$30 per parent and child for a shorter experience. Kids Rein ranges from about 30-45 minutes.

Abbey Gardens believe that it is important for children to learn new things and to be outside, especially after the past few years of COVID-19.

"Abbey Gardens has been committed to offering safe outdoor experiences as much

as we can depending on what's going on. We just believe that getting that connection with our horses, getting outside, and making memories with your family, is so important all the time, but especially right now," said Steele.

"Pony Trekking also encourages children to be confident and to become leaders. Horses are herd animals, so if you're walking a horse, and you're not taking a leadership role, your horse is going to do just that, because they need a leader," she added.

"We always find when children do these programs, not only are they getting kind of a nice connection with a horse, we notice really just their confidence increases throughout the session."

Pony trainer, Lesley English, and Abbey Gardens' volunteer team come in and conduct training exercises to prepare ponies for any programs that they'll participate in with children.

English will bring in umbrellas, rain coats, or anything that could potentially scare the ponies. They're introduced to new objects they might experience with children during program sessions so that they don't react poorly around children.

Most children who participate in Pony Trekking, already have an interest in ponies. From the program, their interest grows and they tend to join Abbey Gardens', Taking the Reins summer camp.

"I think it's a nice way to introduce kids to horses. A lot of the people who are coming out tend to be families where the child has expressed an interest in horses but maybe they haven't done anything with them yet. It's a nice way to make sure their child's interested and then maybe after a pony trekking they'll move up to taking riding lessons somewhere or getting involved with our horse camp," Steele said.

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Recovery team remains flexible and realistic

by **KATRINA BOGUSKI**
Editor

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit met virtually on Sept. 16.

During the meeting the board heard from Dr. Natalie Bocking and other staff members about various plans to transition into the fall. At various points, people were reminded about the need to be both realistic and flexible given the number of unknown factors that could still impact health care in the region.

The recovery team includes, Dr. Bocking, Lorna McCleary, Lisa van der Vinne, Lynne Franke, Ange Andrews, Chandra Tremblay and Joni Del Rosario

In a PowerPoint presentation to the board, the team stated that the goal is "... to effectively recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, into a COVID-19 endemic state, prioritizing engagement strategies for a collaborative and evidence-based approach."

With this goal in mind, the presentation stated "[T]he lens that we will be prioritizing throughout the recovery plan is health equity, inclusivity and allyship and mental health.

Bocking notes that a number of services will be "off line." This situation is the result of the ongoing need to prepare for an anticipated surge of COVID -19 cases related to the fourth wave of the pandemic.

The rate of COVID infection over the summer was described as a "slow burn." The board was told that we can continue to anticipate and expect a much higher increase in COVID. Bocking noted that if a surge in COVID does not happen, some programs may come back, however at the present many resources continue to be directed toward the pandemic.

It was announced that there is an updated social media strategy aimed at addressing who the target audiences are. It was noted that there is need to reach all audiences across all ages.

Fixed site vaccination clinic are now closed with 239 clinics having been conducted. Going forward, there will be mobile and school based clinics to help those who have not yet been fully vaccinated.

The presentation from the recovery team indicated that across the health sector everyone is stretched. People are being asked to do COVID activities as well as catch up activities that have been put on hold and both of these responsibilities are in addition to their regular work.

It was noted that "pandemic fatigue" is being felt by health-care workers and the end is not yet in sight.

When the numbers go down, there is still a backlog of work to be done. It was noted that there is never an opportunity for "the brain and the body to recover". The board was reminded of the need to be mindful of how pandemic fatigue is impacting many workers.

There was also the reminder that COVID will become a part of routine business going forward and plans need to be made to prepare for that reality.

Despite the challenges, board members had high praise for the continuous leadership demonstrated by Bocking and the recovery team.

After fielding a question asked by a board member which was related to a comment made by a virus denier, Doctor Bocking reminded those listening that there is still a lot of misinformation about even basic science when it comes to the virus.

During the presentation, it was explained that different areas will go at different speeds. Establishing a "new normal"

will not be a linear process, and things will open up at varying rates depending on the needs and the resources available.

The recovery team noted that they hope to get some new people to help during the fall, but this goal will be dependent on the fourth wave. The immediate plans for the fall are predictions based on what the team wants to see, as well as a risk management assessment. All of these plans are dependent on variables such as case numbers and staffing availability.

At this point there is still uncertainty about when plans to vaccinate five to 11-year-olds will come into effect. It was noted that vaccinations for this age group could be in January or as early as November, but the precise dates are unknown.

The plan for a third round of vaccines to serve as a "booster shot" is also unknown and funding for various projects related to recovering is unknown. The presenters also noted that Because of how quickly things change, there is an ongoing need for coordination. It was also stated that people often underestimate the workload associated with the coordination aspect of the recovery plan.

Chair Doug Elmslie asked about the plan for flu shots and was told that although the timing may change, it will be close to business as usual. It was further explained that the flu shot program is one of those essential programs that is required to carry on as planned.

The finance report was presented by Director of Corporate

Services Angela Vickery and was received as information.

The written report stated "The Health Unit has received notification that the Ministry of Health has approved the funding allocation for 2021 in the amount of \$15,554,500. The approved base funding for mandatory programs is \$12,898,900 and an additional \$2,655,600 in one-time funding."

It also said, "One-time funding includes: \$773,300 in mitigation funding, \$520,000 for COVID-19 Extraordinary costs, \$502,300 for COVID-19 Vaccine Program, \$40,000 for the Needle Exchange Program, \$20,000 for the Public Health Inspector Practicum program and \$800,000 for the School Focused Nurses Initiative. Additional funding for the School Focused Nurses Initiative was approved for the term April 1, 2022, to July 31, 2022, in the amount of \$264,000, for a total of \$1,064,000 for this initiative."

The report added, "Although, notification is pending, the Ministry announced at an Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in August that it will be approving mitigation funding for 2022 as well. There will be other in-year opportunities to request additional one-time funding for extraordinary COVID-19 expenditures and COVID-19 Vaccine program expenditures."

The public portion of the meeting went until approximately 11 a.m. at which point the board went into a closed session.



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Volunteers work to save local lakes from invasive snails

by FRED GROVES
Times Staff

Lake stewardship continues to be a high priority for many who call Haliburton County their home.

This past summer, under the direction of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA), over 420,000 invasive snails – either Banded mystery snail or the Chinese mystery snail were removed from the area lakes.

“A couple of years ago South Lake started to see these big invasive snails that are about the size of a walnut,” explained CHA Chairman Paul MacInnes.

Realizing that the snails were wreaking havoc upon the eco-system, the CHA teamed with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) to come up with a plan to eliminate, or at least reduce, the number of harmful snails.

According to MacInnes, initially it looked as though red tape filled with restrictions was going to harbour any notions of getting rid of the snails. However, within a few short weeks, a plan was developed that will hopefully continue to benefit those who live and play on the lakes.

“We got partway through the investigation and found out you have to have a license to pick up a snail out of the lake,” said MacInnes.

By May, the CHA with the help of the OFAH’s invasive species program, rallied and were able to put together an instructional workshop on not only how to identify which snails are indigenous to the local lakes and cause no harm, as compared to the dangerous



A couple of the large invasive snails from the local lakes this summer in Haliburton County. /Submitted

ones, along with how to dispose of them.

“I called the MNR and told them this was not going to work,” said MacInnes of the initial plan which was to wait up to two years just to get a license. And, to complicate things even more – only one license per lake.

Nearly 250 people showed up in May to learn about the program and many of them, as well as nearly 50 later in the spring, stepped up to volunteer their time to get rid of as many of the Banded mysterysnail and the Chinese mystery snail as they could over the next few months prior the trout spawning season.

MacInnes was inspired and impressed by the large number of concerned and committed citizens and this past weekend, was happy to announce that over 40 of the lakes were monitored and on South Lake Michael and

Beatrice Janikowski successfully eliminated 17,000.

“I was surprised we got 300 people. Haliburton County is well known throughout the province for the volunteerism we have.”

For several weeks, those volunteers would either walk the shores or get in their boat and steer into shallow waters and pick up the snails. They would take a picture of the snail, send it to OFAH expert who would immediately relay if it was an invasive snail. If it was, volunteers would euthanize the snails. Documentation is key to the success of this program with not only monitoring where the invasive snails are found but how many.

“You want to make sure you do it in a humane way so you can double bag them in clear bags and leave it out in the sun for a day and they take them to the dump,” said

MacInnes who also noted that burying the snails would also kill them.

The reason that this program began, and it is the first in Ontario, is to eliminate as many of the snails as possible as they can reproduce and spread rapidly especially if they are picked up by birds. Also, the snails tend to prey on fish eggs, and can out-compete for food and habitat and effect of the native snails which are good for the lake as they help in the reduction of algae. Chinese mysterysnails can also clog water intake pipes.

MacInnes said that the CHA will hold another training session in the spring and notes that many people are interested.

“We broke new ground on this which is typical for Haliburton County.”

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

Request for Interested Parties

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for individuals and/or companies for the clean-up of properties as per Property Standards By-Law 11-61.

Interested Parties would be required to perform any or all of the following duties:

Clean up or Removal of:

- Household garbage
- Miscellaneous debris
- Building materials
- Rubbish
- Brush/long grass/growth and noxious weeds (as defined by the Weed Controlled Act)
- Unlicensed/dismantled/wrecked/discarded vehicles/trailers boats/machinery
- Dilapidated/collapsed, fully constructed or partially constructed structures

Proof of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$5 Million with The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills named as additional insured and WSIB are mandatory.

Please submit letters of interest along with proof of Liability Insurance and WSIB coverage by mail, in person or email to:

Mail:

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Township of Minden Hills
PO Box 359, 7 Milne Street
Minden, ON
K0M 2K0

Email: sprentice@mindenhill.ca

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Minden Hills Fire Department cleans up

The Minden Hills Fire Department was asked to assist with an “outdoor yard clean-up” on Sept. 17 at Floralan Park Drive in Minden. According to a press release from the fire department, they received help from a couple of volunteers who were available to assist with cleaning up the outdoor yards for the tenants of the complex from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

“We were asked to assist with the cleanup and provide a fire safety message about reducing the fire load and combustibles that can collect around the yards, fences and buildings,” said Deputy Fire Chief Shain Duda. “We want to remind everyone that they need to take responsibility for their family’s fire safety.”

The press release included some simple reminders which were also reiterated by Fire Chief/CEMC Nelson Johnson during a phone interview with The Minden Times. The press release stated:

“There are some very simple things you can do to prevent buildup of combustible materials that contribute to fires around your home:

Reduce combustible materials near your home by chipping branches and small trees and composting lighter vegetation.

Manage the vegetation around your home by reducing shrubs, evergreen trees and dead material within 12 meters of buildings and create a non-combustible zone up to 2.5 me-

ters from your home, when possible.

Work with neighbors or a neighborhood association to keep these common areas thinned, pruned, and healthy. If these areas are left unmanaged and fill in with dense vegetation or down and dead wood, the overall wildfire hazard of the community greatly increases.

The Minden Hills Fire Department reminds everyone that only working smoke alarms give you and your family the early warning you need to safely escape a fire in your home:

Practice a home escape plan with everyone in your home so everyone knows exactly what to do if the smoke or carbon monoxide alarms sound in an emergency.”

When asked how the recent cleanup event went, Fire Chief Johnson replied, “Excellent! We had two great big bins of garbage hauled away.”

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the department has not been able to get out to larger community events in recent months. This cleanup event was a small one that served as a safe way to engage the community and remind everyone that fire safety is everyone’s responsibility. While the department is there to help in an emergency, they are also keen to spearhead initiatives like this cleanup event which focus on prevention and creating a fire safe community. The fire chief stressed that fire safety takes everybody.

In addition to reminding people to reduce



Minden Hills Fire Department during yard clean up Sept 17. /Submitted

combustibles, he also reminded people to “learn the sounds of fire safety.” By having and practising a fire safety plan, which includes knowing the sounds of your smoke alarm and your fire bell, people can be better able to respond during a fire emergency.

The theme “learn the sounds of fire safety” was chosen as a theme across North America because this year many people found them-

selves learning and working at home or other remote locations. Many were unaware of the sound of the fire safety equipment in these buildings and did not have the chance to learn about them through school or workplace drills.

Times Staff

Haliburton Highlands OPP investigating serious collision

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a single off-road vehicle (ORV) collision that sent one adult male to hospital.

On Sept 17, at approximately 6:17 p.m., officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP, along with the Haliburton County Paramedic Services and Minden Hills Fire Department, responded to a single-vehicle collision involving an ORV on Black River Road. As a result of the collision, one male was airlifted by Ornge to a Toronto-area trauma centre in critical condition.

Technical Collision Investigation (TCI) officers were notified for further investigation.

This investigation is still ongoing and further information will be released when it becomes available.

Due to the increased number of ORVs at this time of year, officers are reminding riders to exercise caution and ride within laws that are designed to keep you safe while operating any type of ORV. The OPP are also asking the public to partner with them to re-

duce the rising number of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or ORV incidents.

Always be prepared for the unexpected. Carry a tool kit, first-aid supplies, tow rope, flashlight, tire repair kit, high-energy food and cell phone. Also carry a map, compass or GPS unit, and know how to use them.

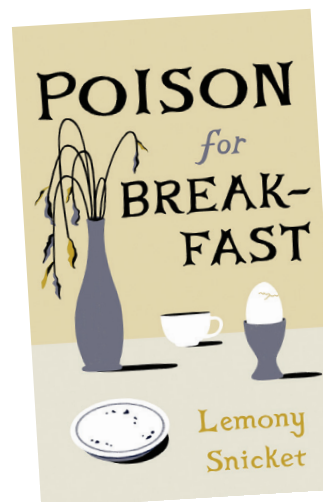
Make it a priority to:

- Always wear a comfortable, well-fitted and fastened approved helmet
- Never drink and ride
- Ride with others - never alone
- Take a safety course and get to know your equipment
- Stay in control and ride within your skill level
- Know your responsibilities wherever you ride
- Let someone know your trip or activity plans

For more information on ATV/ORV safety and legal requirements, visit www.ontario.ca/atv.

Submitted

Jr. Book of the Month - September



For more than twenty years, Lemony Snicket has led millions of young readers through a mysterious world of bewildering questions and unfortunate events. With this newest book – a love letter to readers young and old about the vagaries of real life – longtime fans and new readers alike will experience Snicket’s distinctive voice in a new way.

Poison for Breakfast is a true story – as true as Lemony Snicket himself – and begins with a puzzling note under his door: You had poison for breakfast. Following a winding trail of clues to solve the mystery of his own demise, Snicket takes us on a thought-provoking tour of his predilections: the proper way to prepare an egg, a perplexing idea called “tzimtzum,” the sublime pleasure of swimming in open water, and much else.

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Applicant: Finlin
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Dated: September 22nd, 2021

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Q3 results show impact of pandemic on schoolboard

by **KATRINA BOGUSKI**
Editor

The following are briefs from the TLDSB virtual meeting on Sept.14.

There was no meeting over the summer so this was the first chance to present the third quarter results which ended May 31. The 2020-2021 third quarter (Q3) report was approved as presented with no questions. It stated, "The third quarter report as of May 31, 2021 reflects year to date expenditures of \$ 178 million dollars or 81% of the budgeted expenses. The expenditure amount is higher compared to the third quarter report submitted last year. It was reported that \$167.7 million dollars or eighty percent (80%) of the approved budget was expensed in the prior year."

Supportive funding, related to COVID-19, caused an increase in estimated revenues. According to the treasurer's report, "The total estimated revenues are expected to be six percent (6%) higher than the previous year at \$228.9 million dollars. This amount of increase comes primarily through increases in Priorities and Partnership funding (PPF). Much of this funding directly relates to COVID-19 supports."

A number of issues that emerged as a result of the pandemic had financial implications. The report stated, "The financial pressures in this fiscal year to the Board are sick leave utilization, technology expenses and facilities related projects. While schools were closed for a significant portion of the year, there were emerging issues affecting sick leave. Mental health of staff appears to be a contributing factor identified in the sick leave utilization. Technology purchases to support the switch to remote learning also have put pressure on the board's budget. Finally, Facilities Services, in supporting our system through keeping schools clean and safe, have exceeded their budget."

Policies approved

The board approved a change to the travel policy. Normally the travel policy is presented annually. With the recommended changes, the wording of the policy was clarified and the procedure changed so that only a verbal report needs to be given.

The revised policy states, "The travel rate for Board members and employees using a personal automobile on Board business shall be set at the amounts laid out by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). In January of each year, a verbal report will be provided to the Board advising of the rate set by the CRA for the current calendar year."

Superintendent of Human Resources, Traci Hubbert presented a report on HR-4200 Health and Safety Policy This to be reviewed annually. Hubbert reported that the policy had been reviewed and that there were no changes to it recommended. The committee of the whole accepted the recommendation to keep the policy as it stands.

Hubbert also presented a report on HR-4521 Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act Prevention and Resolution of Violence in the Workplace. This resolution also must be reviewed annually and was passed without any changes.

Bus driver shortage an ongoing problem

Tim Ellis, Superintendent of Business Services presented a report outlining several issues related to transportation. The written report stated, "In 2020-2021, Transportation Services had an operational budget of approximately \$17,483,215 with recoveries from our partner boards of approximately \$1,862,595. The Board contracted 321 vehicles to operate 712 morning and afternoon runs across the district; an area that encompasses more than 11,500 square km. Approximately

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Spare drivers cover routes during province-wide driver shortage

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10,050 students were transported just over 37,000 km each day; the equivalent of travelling almost six round trips to the moon last year for total of over 4,551,000 km. Online learning and the opportunity to opt out of transportation in 2020-2021 resulted in fewer students using the service with fewer vehicles required compared to previous years. Regular routes operated 123 days rather than 187."

The report went on to state, "The period from September 2020 to August 2021 was the second year of an additional two-year extension with the bus operators. All current operators accepted the terms and conditions to extend the contract for three additional years: from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2024. This new agreement has a provision that by mutual agreement an additional two years extension may be entered into beyond 2024. The Board continues to be moderately affected by the province-wide bus driver shortage; however, operations have not been adversely affected because routes were covered by spare drivers and B-licensed office and mechanic staff."

Most students are arriving at school without complications or unexpended delays; however, some circumstances are resulting in longer than ideal ride times. The report stated, "The majority of the students transported to school have school vehicle ride times meeting the Board objective of sixty minutes or less. There are exceptions where students have chosen to participate in a specific program and attend a school other than their normal home school. In these circumstances, or due to the sheer distance from the student's home to a particular school, ride time in excess of sixty minutes may result."

It went on to add, "Ride times are minimized whenever possible; the average ride time for TLDSB students in 2020-2021 remains at 24 minutes. Over 98 per cent of all transported TLDSB students have a ride time under 60 14/18 minutes with fewer than 2 per cent of transported TLDSB students riding over 60 minutes. The average distance TLDSB elementary students walked to a bus stop in 2020-2021 was less than the previous year at 210 meters. The TLDSB elementary walk to a bus stop distance is 800 metres. Secondary students, with a walk to bus stop distance of 1.6 km in policy, on average walked 390 meters to their assigned bus stop."

Accidents and incidents

The report indicated, "There were 12 minor collisions and one more serious accident recorded in the district during the school year with no major injuries to any students. Bus Operators continue to be diligent in the delivery of defensive driving and accident-avoidance training as required in their contract with the Board."

To prevent further accidents, safety training continues to be important, "Driver safety training, including first aid, continues to be offered to all new drivers as well as refresher training for existing drivers with 66 drivers receiving training or re-certification in 2020-2021."

Weather impact on cancellations

The report noted that, "During the winter of 2020, a similar number of weather systems affected operations as [in 2019]. Each of the three geographical areas of the Board experience varying winter weather and road conditions and are assessed independently for cancellations. Conditions varied slightly across the Board, resulting in Muskoka experiencing two full and one partial cancellation for inclement weather or road conditions (three in 2019), two cancellations in the City of Kawartha Lakes (three in 2019) and Haliburton had three cancellations (one in 2019)."

After the presentation of the transportation report, there were many questions and comments. One trustee noted that there were some students who were hesitant to join extracurricular activities such as sports due to lack of late buses. In response to this comment it was noted that the school district is looking at alternative means of transportation to facilitate students in this situation.

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When life gives you apples ... make apple sauce

Apple Sauce Project returns to Haliburton County

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Specia to the Times

It's that time of year again when the apples are ripe and falling from the trees—perfect for apple sauce!

The Apple Sauce Project turns unused apples from local trees into apple sauce, which is then frozen and distributed to seniors and families throughout the county. The project is a great example of ensuring everyone in our community has access to fresh, local and nutritious food.

If you have apple trees, and are not sure what to do with all those apples, consider donating them to the Apple Sauce Project. You can drop off your picked apples to SIRCH Bistro & Marketplace at 49 Maple Ave., Haliburton on Friday, September 24 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. A few days later, Community Kitchen volunteers will wash, peel, and make delicious applesauce from scratch.

“Usually a number of members of FoodNet participate in the Applesauce Project, said Gena Robertson, Executive Director of SIRCH Community Services, “But this year, as we didn’t know what COVID protocols would be in place and as we are also stretched, we just decided to do our own small part rather than try to coordinate a bigger event. Those servings of fruit makes a difference to those who can’t afford fresh fruit or who simply can’t get out to get it. All apple-sauce will be given out free through our Community Kitchen program.”

This initiative proves even a small apple can make a big difference. The prepared servings of apple sauce help ensure food security to those who are vulnerable, particularly in the harsh fall and winter months.

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Volunteers Cathy McIlmurray, from left, Bill Gliddon and Jennifer Christian are standing together to help with this year's Apple Sauce Project effort, as seen in front of an apple tree at the Haliburton property owned by Jim and Glenda Burk. McIlmurray, who has been helping with the project to process the donated apples from around the community into apple sauce for more than 15 years has already started to work with volunteers such as Christian, a relative new volunteer at close to two years. As part of the effort, collection is being performed by volunteers around the Highlands such as Gliddon. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Hodgson changes hats

Describing his change of responsibility as a "huge promotion," Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson has been appointed the Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet.

The change was part of the Cabinet shuffle announced Friday morning by Ontario Premier Mike Harris. Hodgson will retain his responsibilities for Northern Development and Mines, but lose his post as head of the Ministry of Natural Resources. The much beleaguered John Snobelen, the former Minister of Education, takes over the Natural Resources portfolio.

"I will certainly miss Natural Resources," Hodgson said Friday afternoon. "But I feel I have been able to accomplish a lot of good things for the ministry."

As far as the public is concerned, the head of Management Board is a position with a much lower profile. However in that post, Hodgson will carry a great deal of responsibility over the daily operation of the government as a whole.

He said the post has five major responsibilities, including:

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(more on page 2)

Two complete councils acclaimed

Voters in two municipalities in Haliburton County will find their choices rather limited when they go to the polls November 10.

Municipal offices in the townships of Stanhope and Bicroft were filled by acclamation when the deadline for filing nomination papers closed Friday afternoon at 5 p.m.

It doesn't mean electors in these two townships will be without a civic duty to perform. While there will be no municipal candidates in either of the municipalities, a vote for the county's representative on the expanded board of

education must take place, so polling will take place in these areas in any event.

While these two municipalities saw their entire council seats filled by acclamation, there are other heads of councils who have been returned unchallenged. Among them are Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates, Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon, Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed, Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney as well as a number of deputy reeves and council-

lors. (See complete list on page 4.)

While just a week ago it looked like it could be a very quiet municipal election, things heated up quickly during the past week. Many new-comers and veteran politicians threw their hats into the rings across Haliburton County and Northern Victoria and Peterborough counties.

The politicians now have until November 10 to convince fellow citizens to give them their vote, and then a new, three year term of municipal government begins.

The mystery of the missing cats

by Jerry Grozelle

It may sound like something from the horror flick genre, but Minden is experiencing a phenomenon that could use the talents of Sherlock Holmes. It would be called the Case of the Disappearing Cats.

Over the past few weeks no less than 18 felines have vanished without a trace, leaving their owners bewildered and despondent. Losing their cats is like losing a member of the family to many pet lovers.

One such cat lover is Edith Smith of Minden Pines Cottages on Orde Street. She has been the hardest hit, in terms of numbers, with eight cats and two kittens disappearing over the past couple of weeks.

"I'm just frantic," said the 86 year-old cat lover.

"I'm worried sick. I don't know what to do. This is a very bad situation."

Smith says there is no apparent explanation for the disappearance of so many cats in such a short time.

18 cats missing in the Deep Bay Road area

She says she's even heard speculation that there may be some kind of cult afoot gathering up area residents' pets.

Smith has contacted Ministry of Natural Resources personnel in an attempt to solve the mystery. They were unable to shed much light on the situation.

Dr. Peter Bennett of the Minden Animal Clinic has

confirmed that at least 18 cats have been reported missing, including one that has an electronic implant. There may be more which haven't been reported. Most of the losses have been along the Deep Bay Road, but a couple have disappeared from Spring Valley Road, across the river.

Bennett, by way of explanation, said, "It is probably a predator, like a fox or coyote or possibly even a bobcat."

He said any of those predators will take a cat.

"There are coyotes around here that are bold as brass," the veterinarian said.

Smith says she hopes that by making the problem known people will be more watchful and maybe someone will be able to confirm the cause of the missing cats.

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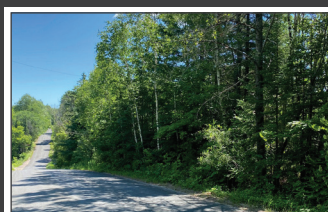


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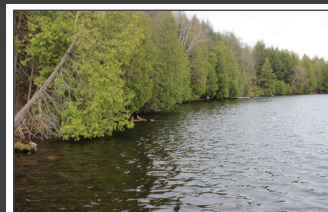


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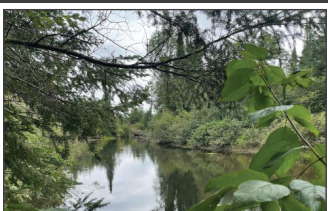
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